



Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, July 12, 2026

A Service of the Word

Six Practices that Grow Faith 2: Pray



*From Shine
Everywhere
Resources from
Menno Media*

Join the service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning:

Zoom link: or call in: Dial 253 215 8782, then enter Meeting ID: 283 224 109#

Or join us via our audio stream: [Spreaker](#)

Welcome to the worship service today.

We hope it is meaningful for you and welcome you to join us again.

As a Christian community, called by Jesus to be inclusive, caring, and peace-minded, we affirm that people of any race, ethnic identity, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, age, economic status, or life situation are welcome to be in full participation in our congregation and in our denomination, MC USA.

Boulder Mennonite Church acknowledges that we are gathering on the traditional territory of Indigenous Peoples. It was inhabited by the Ute, Cheyenne, Arapaho and Ochethi Sakowin Peoples. We affirm that settlers have specific responsibilities in the journey of reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

GATHERING

Welcome

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The disciples came to Jesus and asked,

People: Lord, teach us to pray.

Leader: Our hearts speak through word, whisper, sigh, and silence.

People: Lord, teach us to pray.

Leader: We come before you, God, at your invitation to ask, seek, and knock.

People: Lord, teach us to pray.

All: God hears us and draws us close.

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

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| *Singing | What Is This Place | 22 |
| | Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee | 103 |

Centering Prayer

Passing the Peace

Offering Invitation/Blessing

Please place your prayer requests in the basket with your offering.

At home: please type your prayer requests into the "Chat" column on Zoom or send them via email at least 2hrs prior to the worship service. Or [click here to donate online.](#)

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| Offertory | 1017 |
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HEARING

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| Gospel Reading | Luke 11:1-13 |
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One day Jesus was praying, and when he had finished, one of the disciples asked, "Rabbi, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." Jesus said to them, "When you pray, say,

‘Abba God, hallowed be your Name! May your reign come. Give us today Tomorrow’s bread. Forgive us our sins, for we too forgive everyone who sins against us; and don’t let us be subjected to the Test.’"

Jesus said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, a neighbor, and you go to your neighbor at midnight and say, 'Lend me three loaves of bread, because friends of mine on a journey have come to me, and I have nothing to set before them.' "Then your neighbor says,

‘Leave me alone. The door is already locked and the children and I are in bed. I can’t get up to look after your needs.’ I tell you, though your neighbor will not get up to give you the bread out of friendship, your persistence will make your neighbor get up and give you as much as you need.”

“That’s why I tell you, **keep asking and you’ll receive; keep looking and you’ll find; keep knocking and the door will be opened to you. For whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; whoever knocks, is admitted.** What parents among you will give a snake to their child when the child asks for a fish, or a scorpion when the child asks for an egg? If you, with all your sins, know how to give your children good things, how much more will our heavenly Abba give the Holy Spirit to those who ask?”

Sermon

Pray

RESPONDING

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| *Singing | Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying | 682 |
| | Kyrie Eleison | 678 |

**Sharing Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People**

SENDING

Introductions & Announcements

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| *Sending Song | The Lord Lift You Up | 832 |
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***Benediction**

*Please stand as you are able



Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality

Boulder Mennonite is committed to making our worship space sacred for all. Please refrain from taking pictures of people during the service without their consent. Thank you for your sensitivity to everyone, BMC Church Council.

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

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| <p>Speaker: Terry Zimmerly Worship Leader: Becky Neumann Prayers of the People Reader: Douglas Minter Reader: Toni Diaz Bachus</p> | <p>Music: Peter Ingram, Terry Zimmerly Tech Support: Steve Voran Greeters: Toni Diaz Bachus, Carole Suderman Snacks: Jill Minter</p> |
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TODAY at BMC

9:30a Worship
10:45a Snacks and mingling
 Annual Meeting

PASTOR: Terry Zimmerly, our transitional minister, is generally in the office 9:30 – 2:30, Tuesday – Friday. Appointments/call-aheads are encouraged. Pastor Terry normally takes Monday as a Sabbath. Contact Terry at: terry@bouldermennonite.org / 319-512-8625 (cell)

DEACONS: Cheri Krause: 510-227-9712; Toni Diaz Bachus: 303-579-4290; Douglas Minter: 303-819-5248

CHURCH ADMINISTRATORS: Susan Graber and Cheri Krause – someone is usually in the office part of the day Tuesday through Thursday. *Please call in or email (info@bouldermennonite.org) announcements by Thursday, 8:00am.*

TODAY'S PRACTICE TO GROW FAITH: *Pray together.* *Pray in ways that fit your life, such as at meals or bedtime. Say a prayer or blessing as the children leave the house. Pray together about concerns and celebrations. There are many reasons and many ways to pray together. (For more on prayer, come to Assembly, where you can learn about prayer practices, including the Native American Medicine Wheel.)*



ECOLOGY TIP: Environment Colorado recently announced that they have won their campaign to keep plastic pellet pollution out of Colorado's waterways. Plastic pellets are small lentil sized pieces of plastic that are used in manufacturing. Once in the water systems, they are dangerous to animals and people. In 2023, microplastics were found in 100% of the waterways of Colorado that were tested. Consider financially supporting Environment Colorado, or if someone from this organization shows up at your door, you can thank them for advocating for this legislation! .

THIS WEEK ANNOUNCEMENTS can be accessed [here](#) or via this QR code: *They are also posted on the bulletin board in the sanctuary.*



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Boulder Mennonite Church is a vibrant, Jesus-centered community welcoming all people to know God and to be ambassadors of God’s love, healing, and peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for Sunday, July 12, 2026

Sunday, July 5, 2026: **Attendance:** 28, + 4 Online **Offering:** \$ 2,345

THIS WEEK at BMC

7/18 **Work Day at BMC, 8:00a – noon** – Let’s make our church facility shine in the best light for Assembly!

NEXT SUNDAY – July 19, 2026:

9:30a Worship
10:45a Snacks and mingling

Speaker: Terry Zimmerly
Worship Leader: Karen Cox
Moment for All: Cheri Krause
Reader: Jeremiah Osborne-Gowey
Prayers of the People: Cheri Krause
Music: Judy Classen, Susan Graber
Tech Support: Alfred Sawatzky
Greeters: Paul Classen, Lisa Voss
Snacks: Michelene Fast

COMING UP

7/24-26 **MSMC Annual Assembly, hosted by Boulder Menno!**
8/30 Our annual Holy Humor Sunday! Start thinking about humorous bits you can share so we can laugh together!
10/17 Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale, Douglas County Fairgrounds

| JULY BIRTHDAYS | |
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| 3 – Ezra Tice | 10 – Terry Zimmerly |
| 6 – Elvira Glenn | 11 – Finn Osborne-Gowey |
| 7 – Teresa Troester Falk | |

~PRAYERS~

- ~ for all who are being impacted by the fires burning across Colorado and too many other places in the west of our country.
- ~ for peace across the Middle East. May our leaders find wisdom to seek and negotiate for peace!
- ~ for [Mennonite Mission Network concerns all across the globe](#)

~ for everyone who is working hard to prepare for our Assembly in two weeks.

~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~

BOULDER MENNONITE ANNUAL MEETING TODAY: Please plan to attend our congregation's annual meeting today after worship. We have three major things to cover in this meeting. We'll discuss and approve a budget for FY2027, and we'll use the feedback of our Transitional Pastor to move forward with our church leadership position. And, Barry Janzen will review his Church Chair's report, *Looking to Our Future*. This is an important time together for us to reflect on our church and make plans for the next year and beyond.

ASSEMBLY: Mountain States Mennonite Conference annual **Assembly will be here at BMC July 24 - 26**. What does that mean? See the schedule and the Logistical Flow spreadsheet on the bulletin board, which outlines what will be happening in what space in our facility over the weekend! Lots of ways you can support this awesome event:

- Can you volunteer your **photography skills or know of a reasonably priced photographer** who could take our group picture on Sat at noon?
- **Please bring your lawn games**—we'd love to have them going in the backyard during the weekend. Please label them with your name!
- It would also be nice to have some **camp style chairs** that could be set up by the Prayerstreams. Please label them with your name!
- **Sign up to help host** on the bulletin board in the sanctuary. Shifts are available for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
- **Support our youth:** The youth leaders have asked if anyone here might have a van or a larger vehicle and could help transport youth to their activities on Saturday.
- **Sing in the choir!** Carole's brother, Mark Suderman, will be conducting a choir for Sunday worship. You do not need to register to participate. Rehearsals Sat at 11:00a and Sun at 8:30a.
- **Donate items** to the silent auction which will be held on Saturday.
- **Attend worship and lunch on Sunday.** All are invited to attend our Sunday morning worship, no registration is required! Please join us and plan to stay after worship, purchase lunch at Ms Hana's food truck which will be on site, and enjoy conversation and fellowship.
- **You can still register this week to attend** to join activities on Friday evening and Saturday—more info and the schedule [here](#).



Please contact Susan if you have questions, 303-249-8894.

WORKDAY, SAT 7/18: Please come help us with tasks to spruce up and maintain our building next Sat, 7/18, from 8:00a – noon. Even a couple of hours would be helpful if you can. We want to be proud (in a humble, Mennonite way!) to show off this space we are blessed with during Assembly!

LOOKING FOR MOVING HELP: Xelda Spaulding has taken a new job in Denver and has decided to move to Denver. She is looking for help moving on July 23. Please contact her if you can help, 419-769-1572. Thanks!

TIME TO HARVEST IN OUR GARDEN: Jean reports that there will be green beans ready to pick in our garden in the backyard this week. Help yourself—please just pick off the beans, don't pull the entire plant out, however!

CALENDAR FOR EZRA AND JOAN: There is a calendar on the back table in the sanctuary that we will give to Ezra and Joan when they leave BMC. Please add your wishes and greetings on a few dates!

~ ACROSS THE ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY ~

FROM ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE: Our Rocky Mountain MDS Unit has received three requests for support from VOADs (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster). The Rocky Mountain Unit has been designated as the lead agency for spiritual support and care for the nine active wildfires in CO. Anyone interested in helping may text Paul Johnson, MDS Chair, at 720.880.8773 or Mary Johnson, Unit Volunteer Coordinator, at 303.726.9890. Due to the volume of need, texts are best.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE RELIEF SALE! We Need Your Help! The Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale is looking for a person or group to lead **Quilter's Corner**. This has long been a popular booth at the sale, and we'd love to continue offering it—but we need your help to make that happen! If you are looking for a way to help and contribute to the sale this could be the way. For more information, please contact Darcey VanWagner at 720-635-4852 or mdvw@comcast.net. Thank you for considering how you can help make this year's Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale a success!

MENNONITE CHURCH (MC) USA ANNOUNCEMENTS: MC USA Executive Director Glen Guyton shares insights from the "[Reimagining MC USA](#)" process in his recent Menno Snapshots blog. He explores how MC USA can faithfully adapt its structures, leadership and connections to serve the church and the world in 2040. The executive committees of Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada gathered in Ontario for a [Joint Executive Committee](#) meeting this spring.

Michael Danner, associate executive director for Church Vitality in MC USA, will be at Assembly. It will be an excellent opportunity to visit with him and ask questions about this process!

MC USA will host a [Waging Peace Summit](#) Nov. 6-7 at [Forest Hills Mennonite Church](#) in Leola, Pennsylvania to explore Christian responses to militarism.

GAMEO 30th ANNIVERSARY: The [Global Anabaptist Mennonite Encyclopedia Online](#) (GAMEO) recently [celebrated its 30th anniversary](#) as an open-access repository focused on Mennonite and Anabaptist communities, history, and theology. Since its founding, GAMEO has developed into an essential resource for researchers, educators, and students around the world.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE (MCC): [In Touch Newsletter](#)

ANABAPTIST DISABILITIES NETWORK (ADN): [Statement on Community.](#)

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK (MMN): [Mobilize for Peace](#)

MENNOMEDIA: [Staying Connected](#)

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

MOBILITY FOR ALL: Transportation updates for Boulder County in the [July Newsletter](#).

TRANS TRUTH AND POWER: July 17, 2026, 6:00p - 12:0a, Fort Greene Bar, 321 E 45th Ave, Denver, CO 80216. A night of sharing stories and learning from directly impacted trans migrants with dancing and connection. All to benefit the Colorado Trans Immigrant Fund.

CASA DE PAZ: Casa Paz continues their work with immigrants in this challenging time. Learn more about it: [Never Again Podcast: Examining Internment Camps: Past Lessons and Present Realities Inside Immigrant Detention Centers.](#) Opportunities to get involved: Needed [Bilingual Welcome Team Coordinator](#), Volunteers urgently needed for [TRANS Visitation Program](#), [Donations requested.](#)